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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. - 16. (Cancelled)

17. (Currently Amended) A nut assembly for use on a wrench comprising:  
a nut having threads that matingly engage a shank of the wrench and grooves that  
allow the shank of the wrench to slide freely through the nut;  
a spring coupled to the nut, wherein the spring is configured to continuously bias  
the nut toward a matingly engaged relationship with the shank when the nut is arranged to  
allow the shank to slide freely through the nut; and  
~~The assembly according to claim 14 further comprising~~  
a set of stop pins located on the exterior of said nut which provide positive  
stopping mechanism of the nut.

18. (Previously Presented) The nut assembly according to claim 17 wherein said nut  
comprises at least two stop pins that are located 180 degrees apart.

19. (Cancelled)